


REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed February 17, 2006, claims 1 and 23 were rejected under §102(b) as being anticipated by Ng and claims 2 and 24 were rejected §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ng in view of Fuld. Claims 3, 4, 25 and 26 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims but otherwise allowable and claims 5-22 were allowed. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection of the claims. However, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, claims 1, 4, 23 and 26 have been amended and claims 2, 3, 24 and 25 have been cancelled.

The claims are believed to be allowable, the Application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a favorable Office Action is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone if a conversation would expedite prosecution of this case.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time. No fee is believed to be due in this instance. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any deficiency of fees submitted herewith, or the credit of any overpayment, to deposit account number 09-0449.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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